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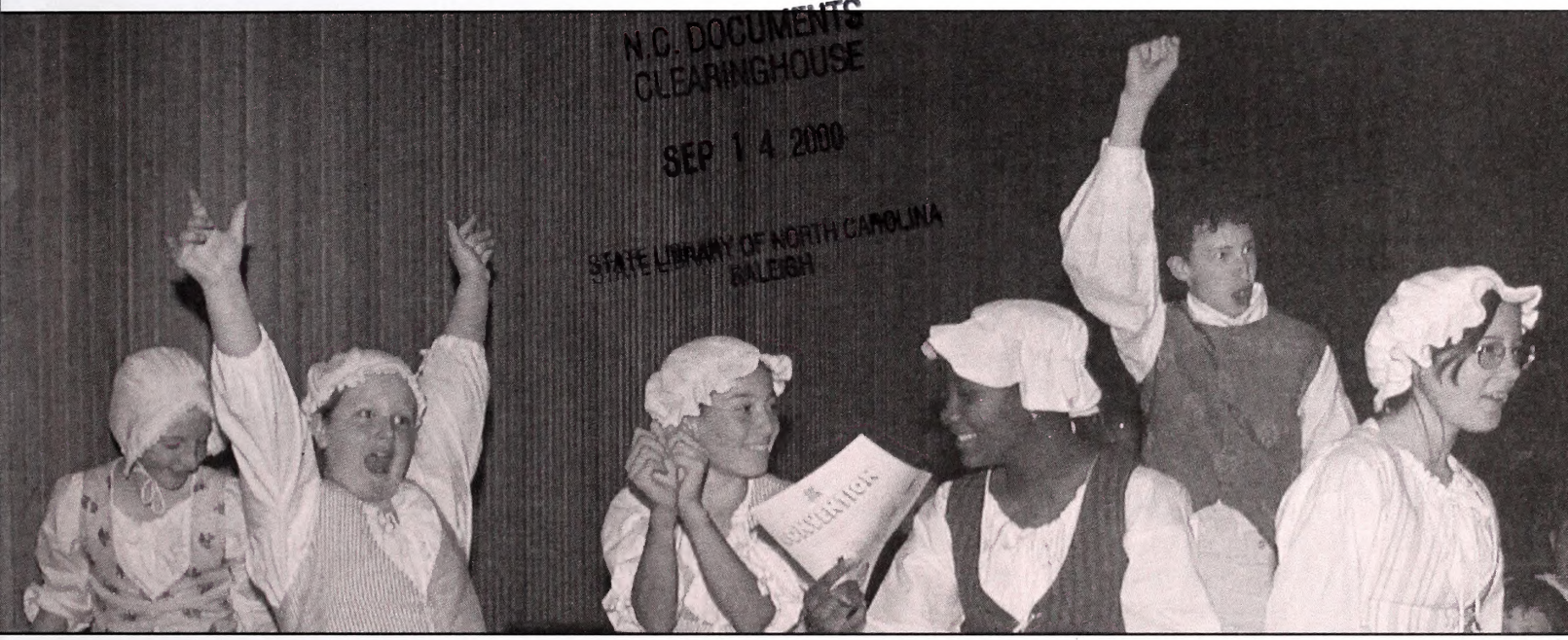

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Annual Convention 2000 Overflows with Cheers!

As the sunny spring morning of Friday, May 5, 2000, dawned, junior historians from across the state ventured to the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. The date of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association's Annual Convention had finally arrived! Ear-popping cheers at the opening roll call session jump-started the day. Likewise, the day ended with rousing cheers during the Awards Ceremony, where winners accepted plaques, certificates, and cash prizes for their outstanding projects. Peek inside for highlights from Convention 2000. And make plans to attend Convention 2001!

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Everyone's Abuzz about the Chapter of the Year

The 2000 Chapter of the Year was the Bee Log Honeybee Historians of Bee Log Elementary School in Burnsville, led by advisers Jason Robinson, Susan Buchanan, Miranda Elkins, and Sheila Ramsey. These junior historians have been actively preserving their school and community history. Using technology and Burnsville's "natural resources"—its citizens—students developed an understanding of the lifestyles and events of the twentieth century. Beginning with the 1930s, club members researched and recorded landmarks from each decade, and videotaped conversations with older community members. "Spotlighting School and Community History" was just one of many projects that made the Bee Log Honeybee Historians Chapter of the Year!

—Rebecca Lewis

Adviser of the Year: (Tricorner) Hats Off to a Revolutionary Adviser!

Congratulations to the 2000 Adviser of the Year, Beverly McIntyre. As adviser of the Pee Dee Patriots in Norwood, she brings many visitors to Norwood Elementary School, including archaeologists and prisoners of war. Mrs. McIntyre loves colonial history and does many things to enliven it for her students. Each year she conducts a Colonial Day. Students eat food cooked over an open fire, wash with lye soap, assist the wheelwright, weave on a hand loom, help fire the cannon, and more! A Revolutionary War–period reenactor, Mrs. McIntyre sometimes comes to class dressed in character. She led the Pee Dee Patriots in a project to locate and publicly recognize the five Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Stanly County. Ella Booth, coadviser to the Pee Dee Patriots, says, "Mrs. McIntyre's love of history shines through in every class." For her enthusiasm, ability to inspire others, and bravery (see the part above about the *cannon!*), THJHA chose Beverly McIntyre as Adviser of the Year.

—Rebecca Lewis

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Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz Winners: Quiz Me!

Since the 1970s, Tar Heel Junior Historians have been testing their knowledge of North Carolina history in the Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz. Members with high scores in Part I have the opportunity to write an essay based on an issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian*. This year, students were asked to describe an urban area in North Carolina and how it has changed since 1900.

Quiz winners *(left to right)* Kate Williamson, Benjamin Schmid, Kristina Rathburn, and Peter Wylie. Not pictured are Melinda Whitley and Leonard Lanier.

The winners of the elementary quiz are:

First place: Kristina Rathburn, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.
Second place: Benjamin Schmid, Mount Calvary Historians, Mount Calvary Christian School, Archdale, Starlet Jones, adviser.
Third place: Melinda Whitley, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro School, Oakboro, Janice Gibson, adviser.

The winners of the secondary quiz are:

First place: Peter Wylie, Towaya, E. B. Aycock Middle School, Greenville, Pamela Laughinghouse, adviser.
Second place: Leonard Lanier, Tranters Creek Historians, Washington High School, Washington, Carolyn Lanier and Mardie Bullock, advisers.
Third place: Kate Williamson, Forest Hills Middle School Junior Historians, Forest Hills Middle School, Wilson, Carol Brugh, adviser.

—Rebecca Lewis

What's New (Besides the Century . . .)

Get ready for the Civil War! Too late, you say? It's already come and gone? Well, it's back in the fall 2000 issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian*! THJHA will bring the Civil War to you with articles on life in North Carolina during this time of turmoil. In the spring get ready to travel the back roads of North Carolina. *THJH* will be your guide to the out-of-the-way places and faces in our state's history.

Hang ten! While you're surfing the Web, be sure to check out THJHA at http://nchistory.dcr.state.nc.us/museums. THJHA will be offering "Web Shops," on-line versions of history workshops with activities for junior historians to do as a group or on their own. "Genealogy for Geniuses" will be available in September 2000 to help members learn more about their family heritage. Surf and learn, dudes.

—Rebecca Lewis

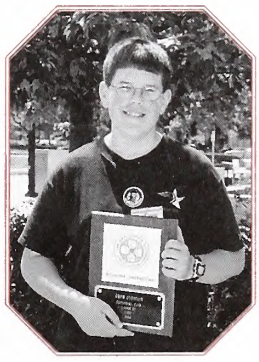
To All of Our Award Sponsors—Thank You!

THJHA extends a hearty THANK-YOU to the sponsors of the 2000 THJHA Annual Convention. More than four hundred people came to the North Carolina Museum of History on May 5, making the 2000 Annual Convention the largest in several years. The North Carolina Museum of History Associates, in addition to underwriting the historical workshops, sponsored the Artifact Search and *Tar Heel Junior Historian* Essay Contests, as well as the Chapter of the Year and Adviser of the Year awards. Thank you, Associates, for helping to make the convention possible. Forty-two clubs participated in the contests, submitting 569 entries! THJHA would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the contests below:

- North Carolina Literary and Historical Association (Art, Media, and Literary Contests; Christopher Crittenden State History Quiz)
- Archaeology and Historic Preservation Section of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History (North Carolina Historic Architecture Photography Contest)
- Friends of the Archives, Inc. (Genealogy Award)
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial Foundation (African American History Award)
- Caswell-Nash Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (American Revolution Essay Contest, Elementary Division)
- Raleigh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (American Revolution Essay Contest, Secondary Division)
- Preservation North Carolina, Inc. (Youth Preservation Award)

—Rebecca Lewis

THJH Essay Contest Winner: Journal Entry Takes Prize

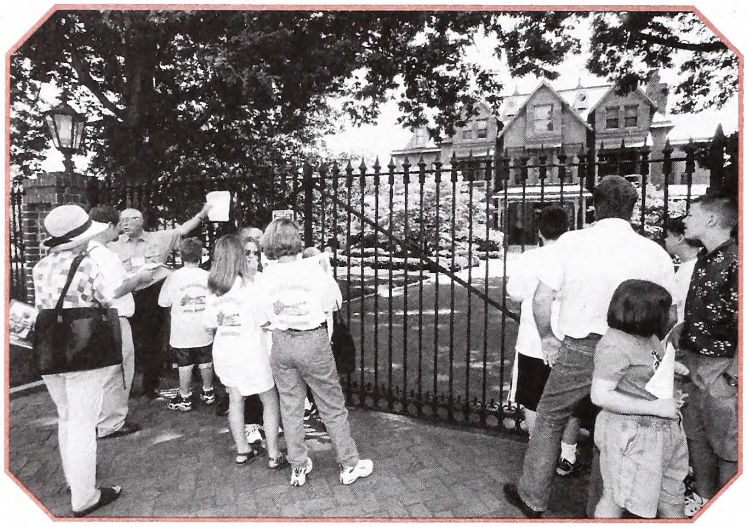


For submitting a well-written journal entry, Drew Johnson (Explorer's Club, Isaiah 40 School, Cary, Rhonda Olson and Dale Johnson, advisers) placed first in the 2000 *Tar Heel Junior Historian* Essay Contest. Students who entered the contest had to describe a typical day in their lives while their fathers were away fighting in the Civil War. Drew's award-winning entry will appear in the fall issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian,* which will focus on the North Carolina home front during the Civil War. Congratulations, Drew!

—Doris McLean Bates

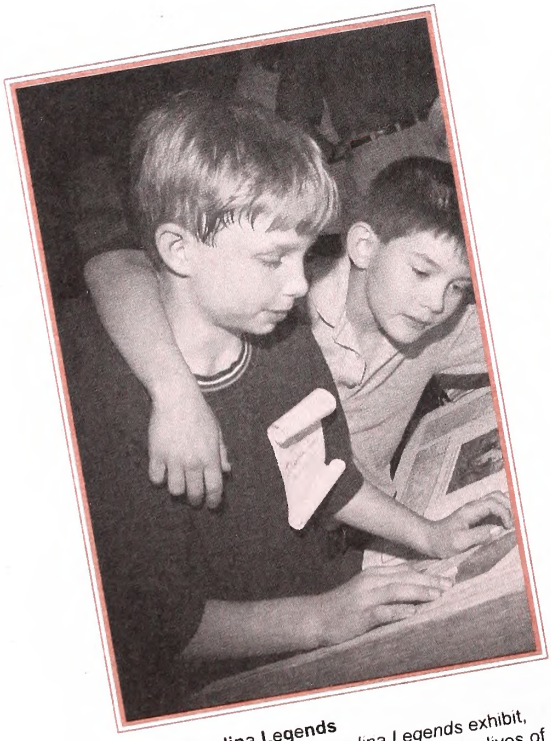
Signs from Past Times and Legendary Figures Evident at Historical Workshops

The historical workshops held at the Annual Convention reflected the themes from the 1999–2000 magazine issues: Turn of the Twentieth Century and Legends of North Carolina. See below for scenes from the six workshops.



A Walk through the 1900s
Students took a short stroll through Raleigh to locate architectural features used on houses at the turn of the twentieth century. Here students look at the Executive Mansion.

History Comes Alive!
Junior historians practiced different ways to bring historical figures to life. The actress Joan J. *(above)* presented the workshop.



North Carolina Legends
On a tour of the *North Carolina Legends* exhibit, junior historians became fascinated by the lives of legendary figures in our state's history.

Secrets of the Deep: Not All Pirate Treasure Glitters
In this workshop, presenter Clark Diamond *(left)* helped to teach students about Blackbeard and how maritime archaeologists work to find knowledge of the past.

Sports Are Legendary in North Carolina
In the *Sports Hall of Fame* exhibit, participants enjoyed this sports Gallery Cart presentation and went on a scavenger hunt for some of the state's athletic legends.

Games of the Colonial Era
Fun was the word of the day during this workshop. Participants enjoyed games that young people played in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Artifact Search Contest: Stories and Stuff

Always a favorite among members, the Artifact Search Contest produced 251 entries. Winners received a T-shirt and certificate from Museum of History chief curator Charles LeCount. This year's theme—Turn of the Twentieth Century—generated many interesting artifacts (with *very* interesting family stories) from the years surrounding 1900. The top winners and their artifacts are listed below.

Andy Thomas, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro School, Oakboro, Janice Gibson, adviser—pie safe made from an out-of-tune organ

Lauren Upchurch, North Moore Historians, North Moore High School, Robbins, Vince Greene, adviser—Ansonia Clock Company mantel clock

Jacob Ribet, North Moore Historians—thimble holder made from cotton thread, ribbon, and a chicken bone

Elise Allen, Homeschoolers Unfolding History, Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield, Smithfield, Elaine Forman, adviser—doll that fits inside a peanut shell

Joshua Phillips, Bee Log Honeybee Historians, Bee Log Elementary School, Burnsville, Jason Robinson, Susan Buchanan, Miranda Elkins, and Sheila Ramsey, advisers—coffee grinder

Jared Hopkins, Oakboro Junior History Club—mantel clock purchased in 1902

Shealeigh Garland, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser—washing tub and wringer

Alice Smith, Oakboro Junior History Club—pump organ

Amanda Patton, North Carolina Pioneers—1900 Morgan silver dollar

Matt Houston Barnes, North Moore Historians—Thomas Edison phonograph and cylinders

Melinda Whitley, Oakboro Junior History Club—banjo

Michael Cruz, North Carolina Pioneers—apple butter kettle

Philip Batten, Time Trackers, Brinson Memorial Elementary School, New Bern, Cindy Williams, adviser—goose decoy

Artifact search winners *(left to right, front row)*: Shealeigh Garland, Elise Allen, and Michael Cruz; *(back row)* Alice Smith, Danyelle Miller, Joshua Phillips, Amanda Patton, Andy Thomas, and Philip Batten.

Danyelle Miller, North Carolina Pioneers—thresher and tractor

—Rebecca Lewis

Societies Present Awards for Y2K

African American History Award
Kristette Vaughan (Pollocksville Time Travelers, Pollocksville Elementary School, Pollocksville, Nancy Stroud, adviser) won the top honor in the African American History Award competition. Dr. Harold Webb, representing award sponsor Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial Foundation, presented a certificate and fifty dollars for the winner, who was unable to attend.

American Revolution Essay Contest
The Caswell-Nash Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution once again sponsored the elementary American Revolution Essay Contest. Presenter Betty Jordan delivered to first-place winner Kristina Rathburn (North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser) a certificate and fifty dollars. Second-place winner Collin Medina (North Carolina Pioneers) received a certificate and twenty-five dollars.

Collin Medina and Kristina Rathburn.

The secondary American Revolution Essay Contest received annual sponsorship from the Raleigh Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Winning student Tyler Olson (Explorer's Club, Isaiah 40 School, Cary, Rhonda Olson and Dale Johnson, advisers) received a certificate and fifty dollars from presenter Jim Hill.

Jim Hill and Tyler Olson.

Genealogy Award
Friends of the Archives, Inc., again sponsored the Genealogy Award. Jo Ann Williford announced the winner of the award, David M. Chambers (Explorer's Club, Isaiah 40 School, Cary). David received a certificate and fifty dollars. Honorable-mention winners Nikki Jones (History Is Fun Club, Clayton, Rita Otto Jones, adviser) and Reuben Mathews (Freedom Fighters, Farmville Middle School, Farmville, Jill Jackson and Rose Howell, advisers) received certificates.

(Left) David Chambers; *(right)* Nikki Jones and Reuben Mathews.

Youth Preservation Award
For restoring a cole planter, members of the Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians (Oakboro School, Oakboro, Danny Poplin, adviser) walked away with the Youth Preservation Award. Rob Maddrey, the representative for award sponsor Preservation North Carolina, Inc., presented the club with a certificate and fifty dollars.

(Left to right) Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians adviser Danny Poplin, Brett Morton, Landon Crisco, and Brandon Holmes.

—Doris McLean Bates

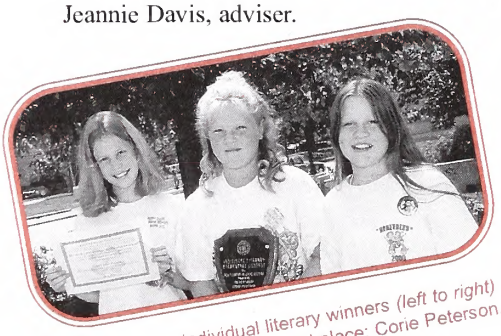
Literary, Media, and Art Contest Winners

Judges from the Museum of History, Division of Archives and History, and Department of Public Instruction selected winners in the Literary, Media, and Art Contests. Come visit the Museum of History to see these winning projects on display through April 2001.

"The Pen Is Mighty" in the Literary Contest

Entries in the Literary Contest demonstrated an interest in family history, a poetic sensibility, and a true love of North Carolina and all things southern. Is the next Thomas Wolfe among this year's winners? We'll have to wait and see.

Elementary contest/individual
First: "Moonshine in the Mountains," by Corie Peterson, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.

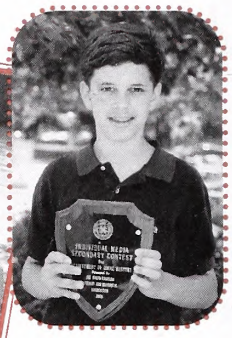


Elementary individual literary winners (left to right) Casey Hirschmann, second place; Corie Peterson, first place; and Meghan Fender, third place.

Second: "The Way I See Life," by Casey Hirschmann, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?), Trent Park Elementary School, New Bern, Maryanne Brinson and Barbara Wolf, advisers.
Third: "Stories of Big Bald Mountain," by Meghan D. Fender, Bee Log Honeybee Historians, Bee Log Elementary School, Burnsville, Jason Robinson, Susan Buchanan, Miranda Elkins, and Sheila Ramsey, advisers.

Elementary contest/group
First: "Spotlighting School and Community History," by Bee Log Honeybee Historians.
Second: "The Black Mountain Yancey Railroad," by Whitney Ray, Celeste Fender, Danyelle Miller, and Heather Buchanan, North Carolina Pioneers.
Third: "The Truth about Tar Heels," by Grand Central Station, Central Elementary School, Elizabeth City, Susan Herring, adviser.

Secondary individual literary winners (left to right) Nikki Thomas, third place; David Chambers, first place; and Melody Maxwell, second place.



Secondary individual media winner Mark Lewis, Explorer's Club.

Secondary contest/individual
First: "My Family Tree in North Carolina History," by David Chambers, Explorer's Club, Isaiah 40 School, Cary, Rhonda Olson and Dale Johnson, advisers.
Second: "The Invisible Empire," by Melody Maxwell, Pirates of Pitt, E. B. Aycock Middle School, Greenville, Saundra Walton, adviser.
Third: "Coming to America . . . and Ending Up in Johnston County, North Carolina," by Nikki E. Jones, History Is Fun Club, Clayton, Rita Otto Jones, adviser.

Secondary contest/group
First: "Looking Back," by the Couratucke Junior Historians, Currituck County High School, Barco, Barbara Snowden, adviser.
Second: "Slavery in North Carolina," by Nicole Smith and Jennifer Juaquin, The "Hi-Lites" of History, Waynesville Middle School, Waynesville, Rhonda Haney, adviser.
Third: Not awarded.

The Couratucke Junior Historians won first place in the secondary group literary category. Pictured here with their plaque are *(left to right)* Christin Cason, Josh Bass, Greta Garrett, and Lindsey Harrelson.

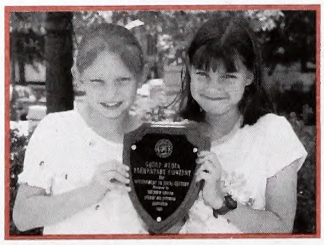
It All Computes in the Media Contest

The year 2000 will be forever known as the "year of the computer program." Out of the fourteen entries, *six* were computer programs. That's six more than last year. Keep up the good work!

Elementary contest/individual
First: *African-American Contributions to the Historical Architecture of New Bern, North Carolina* (computer program), by Crystal R. George, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).
Second: Not awarded.
Third: Not awarded.

Elementary individual media first-place winner Crystal George, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Elementary contest/group
First: *The Brown Mountain Lights* (video), by Laney Tipton and Chelsea Ray, North Carolina Pioneers.
Second: *North Carolina Facts* (computer game), by Cole Huskins, Nick Tipton, Josh Young, and Sidney Laws, North Carolina Pioneers.



Elementary group media winners Chelsea Ray and Laney Tipton, North Carolina Pioneers.

Third: *Spotlighting School and Community History* (video), by the Bee Log Honeybee Historians.

Secondary contest/individual

First: *The Wright Plane* (computer program), by Mark Lewis, Explorer's Club.

Second: *Tourist Attractions of the Outer Banks* (computer program), by Stacey Cartwright, Shaggy Boat, First Flight Middle School, Kill Devil Hills, Kate Wilkins, adviser.

Third: *Lighthouses on the East Coast of North Carolina* (computer program), by Rebecca Vorhees, Flying Monkeyz, First Flight Middle School, Kill Devil Hills, Kate Wilkins, adviser.

Secondary contest/group

First: *North Carolina History Now: The Many Lives of Tobacco* (video), by Drew Johnson, Adam Davis, and Tyler Olson, Explorer's Club.

Second: *Save the Town!* (computer program), by Jonathan Howard, Chris Harvey, Jonathan Lovejoy, and Michael Lovejoy, Pirates of Pitt.

Third: *Tour of the Marsh House* (video), by Jessica Manning and Jennifer Blaine, Washington-Pamlico History Club, P. S. Jones Middle School, Washington, Debra Hardee, Jean Williamson, and Peggy Thompson, advisers.

Secondary group media winners Tyler Olson, Adam Davis, and Drew Johnson, Explorer's Club.

Art Contest Excels

All judges agreed that this year brought the best group of projects submitted to the Art Contest in many years. With fifteen entries in the elementary division and twenty-nine entries in the secondary division, competition was fierce!

Elementary individual art first-place winner Andy Thomas, Oakboro Junior History Club.

Elementary contest/individual

First: *Badin Road Drive-In Theater*, by Andy Thomas, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro School, Oakboro, Janice Gibson, adviser.

Second: *The Dudley Tobacco Barn*, by Kenneth Gillespie, Pollocksville Time Travelers, Pollocksville Elementary School, Pollocksville, Nancy Stroud, adviser.

Third: *Life in the Mountains*, by Taylor Banks, North Carolina Pioneers.

Elementary group art winners Josh Young and Michael Cruz, North Carolina Pioneers.

Elementary contest/group

First: *The Dream of Flying*, by Michael Cruz and Josh Young, North Carolina Pioneers.

Second: *Sunday at First Baptist*, by Joshua Elks and Isaac Clowers, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Third: *Dr. Francis J. Kron House*, by Jessica Rich and Anna Irvin, Pee Dee Patriots, Norwood Elementary School, Norwood, Beverly McIntyre and Ella Booth, advisers.

Secondary contest/individual

First: *Topsail Island Missile Project: "Operation Bumblebee,"* by Ashley Gainer, Fayetteville Academy Gold THJHA, Fayetteville Academy, Fayetteville, Lulie Harry, adviser.

Second: *Connemara: Carl Sandburg's North Carolina Home*, by Samantha Badger, St. Pat's Junior Historians, St. Patrick's School, Fayetteville, Christine Hatcher, adviser.

Secondary group art first-place winners Candace Eudy, Toni Curlee, and Alice Smith, Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians.

Third: *Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*, by Laura Piggott, Greenfield Historians, Greenfield School, Wilson, Laura Crudup, adviser.

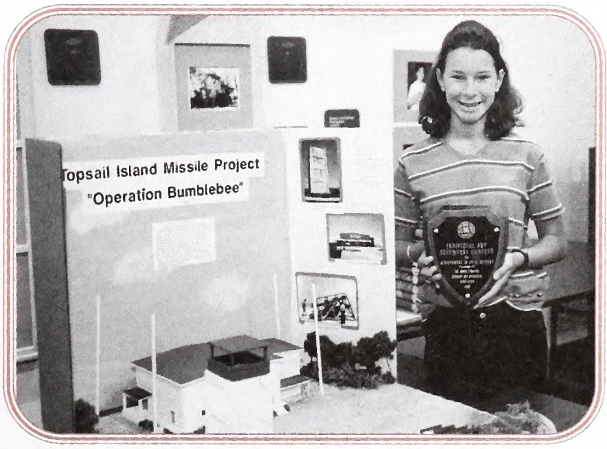
Secondary contest/group

First: *Swimwear from the 1910s, 1920s, and 1950s*, by Candace Eudy, Alice Smith, and Toni Curlee, Oakboro Tar Heel Junior Historians, Oakboro School, Oakboro, Danny Poplin, adviser.

Second: *Orange Street School*, by Marcus Wilson et al., Max Abbott Amateur Archaeologists II, R. Max Abbott Middle School, Fayetteville, Martha Blue, adviser.

Third: *Brantley's Stand*, by Guilford Courthouse Battleground Chapter, Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Greensboro, Larry Brown and Ed Martin, advisers.

—Rebecca Lewis



Secondary individual art winner Ashley Gainer, Fayetteville Academy Gold THJHA.

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Photography Contest: These Junior Historians Have Focus!

The North Carolina Historic Architecture Photography Contest continued to be one of the most popular competitions, with 163 photographs entered. Junior historians dazzled the judges with their creative compositions and well-researched documentation of some of North Carolina's finest historic structures. Good job, shutterbugs!

(Front row, left to right) Andrea Werneke, Kayleigh Plyler, Tyler Cone, Micha Myers, Mollie Hunter, Casey Wade, Kristin Kutkuhn, and Brett Williams; *(middle row)* Sidney Laws and Catherine Arnold Smith; *(back row)* Casey Hirschmann and Cole Huskins.

Architectural details
First: *New Bern Fire Department*, by Brett Williams, Time Trackers, Brinson Memorial Elementary School, New Bern, Cindy Williams, adviser.
Second: *New Bern City Hall*, by Kristin Kutkuhn, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?), Trent Park Elementary School, New Bern, Maryanne Brinson and Barbara Wolf, advisers.
Third: *Front Door of the Bryan House and Office*, by Casey Hirschmann, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

Barns and outbuildings
First: *Harrell Spring House*, by Sidney Laws, North Carolina Pioneers, Burnsville Elementary School, Burnsville, Jeannie Davis, adviser.
Second: *Smith Barn*, by Catherine Arnold Smith, Historical Eagles, Spring Hope Elementary School, Spring Hope, Ellen Thomas, adviser.
Third: *The Smokehouse at Frog Pond,* by Kayleigh Plyler, Oakboro Junior History Club, Oakboro School, Oakboro, Janice Gibson, adviser.

Houses
First: *Jones House*, by Casey Wade, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).
Second: *W. B. Blades House,* by Mollie Hunter, Time Trackers.
Third: *McPeters Mansion*, by Cole Huskins, North Carolina Pioneers.

Industrial/commercial buildings
First: *Barbour Boat Works*, by Andrea Werneke, Time Trackers.
Second: *Bank of the Arts,* by Brett Williams, Time Trackers.
Third: *Loray-Firestone Textile Mill*, by Sydney Dotterer, Mrs. Prachar's Fourth-Grade Class, Robinson Elementary School, Gastonia, Shannon Prachar, adviser.

Institutional/public buildings
First: *Tryon Palace*, by Micha Myers, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).
Second: *Nash County Courthouse*, by Tyler Cone, Historical Eagles.
Third: *First Presbyterian Church*, by Kristin Kutkuhn, WHY? (What Happened Yesterday?).

—Rebecca Lewis

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